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House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

RE | Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Emily J. Hill of Coventry Rhode Island, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Although wind power must ultimately become viably competitive as an alternative energy source independent of the support of government incentives, I fear that allowing the PTC to prematurely and abruptly expire will have a devastating impact on our industry. This tax credit is the premise for billions of dollars in annual investments in new wind power projects. Failing to extend the PTC will significantly delay the advancement of domestically produced wind power, and will jeopardize thousands of green jobs. Furthermore, in failing to renew this Production Tax Credit we will be opening the door for contending nations to seize a more prominent foothold in the U.S. renewables market and American-made wind power will struggle to regain relevance in the aftermath.

In order to ensure the self-sufficiency of our nation for future generations, we must diversify our energy supplies, and do so in a manner which strengthens our economy. For this to happen, we cannot rely solely on the import of foreign products, but must continue to create new domestic sustainable energy jobs rather than eliminating them. Therefore, I advocate a gradual phasing out of the PTC over a 2-4 year period as this would give the U.S. wind power industry the opportunity to become increasingly autonomous, and would therefore continue to produce opportunities for employment to American citizens rather than eliminating the jobs that wind energy has created within the last 4 years.

In light of the above, I exhort the Ways and Means committee to make a bipartisan effort to extend the PTC and seek a solution that will not have such crippling effects on our industry. I ask you to consider the Americans whose livelihoods will be undoubtedly impacted by this decision, and to reflect on the benefits of continuing to support American-made wind power. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

Emily J. Hill
A Concerned Citizen